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Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

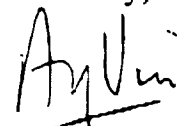
Microsoft and the Department of Justice have reached a settlement, which serves the government interest, the American technology industry, and most importantly, the American public interest. This agreement, reached after negotiations with a court appointed moderator, is fair, reasonable and judicious. I strongly urge you to continue your support for this matter.

One of the key provisions of this agreement is the requirement that Microsoft submit its books, and software products to a technical oversight committee. This committee is made up three government appointed officials and will work to ensure compliance with the agreement.

The above-mentioned provisions, and the rest of the settlement, will encourage innovation and foster competition. I hope you continue to support it and take no further federal action.

Let us show the world once again what the American technology industry can do! Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ay-Vin Akiner